

GIRL MAKES PLEA FOR "NIGGER BOY" IN MURDER CASE

Lucille Pugh Tells Jury Why She Wanted to Defend Poindexter.

"Gentlemen of the jury, you have listened to the witnesses for the State and it is now my duty to lay before you an outline of what the defense intends to show in order to prove that this defendant shot the deceased in self-defense."

In these words, uttered simply, but with an infection and intonation richly coated with the soft burr of Dixieland, Miss Lucille Pugh, attorney-at-law, began to-day the first opening address ever delivered by a woman in a homicide case in New York State.

The court room was packed with spectators, many of them women, when the trial of *Le Roy Poindexter*, a negro, for killing Thomas Brown, also colored, in a quarrel over a crap game in front of No. 10 West Twenty-eighth street the night of March 7, was resumed before Justice Davis. Interest in the case centered around the slender, brown-haired young girl who, with Senator J. D. McClelland, had been appointed at Poindexter's request to undertake his defense. The fate of the dusky-headed crap player was an incidental issue.

GIRL LAWYER MAKES STRIKING IMPRESSION.

Miss Pugh made a pleasing impression the moment she began her address. She looked all attempts to become oratorical. Rubbing her slender, white hands together, her Attorney Pugh snapped out her sentences with firmness and determination. Her voice was never raised nor did she ever seem to be at a loss for the exact word or phrase to suit her meaning.

"I want to make one request," she said. "The learned District Attorney, when questioning my jury, has made reference to my sex. I wish to make it very clear to you gentlemen right now that I don't want any favor or consideration on that score. You must consider me only as an attorney, associated with Senator McClelland, in the defense of this unfortunate negro boy."

"This boy came up here from his old home in Virginia. He was a peaceable boy and honest. Up to the time of the shooting there was not a blemish, not a spot on his character. Of course, he is a nigger boy, and could not be expected to act like a white man of refinement and good breeding."

"He got into bad company and began shooting craps. You can't keep a darky from a crap game—that's a fact all people from the South know full well. But we will show you that when it came to the shooting of this man Brown, the defendant was backed up in a corner, facing an angered nigger with a razor, and in order to save his life he did what you or I would have done in his place—shot his assailant, and shot to kill, or at least disable so that he might make his escape."

TURNS WHY SHE BECAME INTERESTED IN CASE.

"In conclusion I want to tell how I came into this case. This boy here brings back the days of my childhood. I can see myself playing around the corner of my old black mammy with two or three of her kink-headed pickaninnies. Remembering those days, I wanted to see if I could do something to help one of these sons of the Southland, who must have had just the sort of a black mammy that I have."

GIRL GETS THE PRISONER TO TELL HIS STORY.

At the conclusion of her address Attorney Pugh called Sam Small, a friend of the defendant, to testify as to the character of the deceased Brown, as well as the "nigger boy" on trial. Miss Pugh conducted the examination—cross-examined now and then in a fatherly whisper by Senator McClelland—and she brought out the desired points as lawfully and ably as any mere man lawyer could.

Miss Pugh called Poindexter to the stand. Her first questions were as to his movements in New York the day he arrived from Hartford, Conn., March 5. Briefly, then, she led him up to the night of the shooting, March 7.

During the examination of the defendant Miss Pugh showed one hand in the pocket of her mannish little black cloth jacket and rested the other on her hip. She never faltered. Justice Davis and Assistant District Attorney Moss were studiously polite in correcting or objecting to Miss Pugh's line of questioning, while her associate, Senator McClelland, leaned complacently back in his chair and watched his fair assistant with an approving eye. It was not necessary for the Senator to interpose a suggestion. In fact, Miss Pugh made a most markedly favorable impression even on the corps of veteran criminal attorneys who had come especially to see a woman lawyer attempt to handle a murder trial.

Mr. Moss put Poindexter through a grilling cross-examination, but the essential theme of the negro's story—that he shot Brown in self-defense—remained apparently unshaken. Miss Pugh decided to allow Senator McClelland to sum up for the defense. The case will go to the jury to-morrow. At the close of to-day's session Mrs. Pugh was the smiling center of an impromptu reception. A number of attorneys as well as several groups of her personal friends crowded forward to congratulate the young girl.

Survivors Asked for Information of Charles H. Chapman.

A circular bearing the portrait of Charles H. Chapman has been sent to the survivors of the Titanic asking that any information regarding him be sent to Charles L. Chapman, No. 1231 Fifth Avenue, New York. Mr. Chapman was a passenger in the second cabin, and his name has been heard of him since the ship.

TITANIC WIDOW, 14 YEARS OLD, ASKS FOR HELP

Pretty Mrs. Alexander Lost Husband and All Her Money on Ship.

Mrs. Cammy Alexander, a fourteen-year-old widow, who was widowed in the Titanic disaster, and who is one of the twenty-nine survivors of a group of 134 Syrians who were aboard the great steamship when she struck the iceberg, called at the White Star Line office to-day and appealed for aid to get to the home of her brothers in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Those who talked with this child widow were impressed by her remarkable beauty. She was married two months ago to Fawaz Alexander, a Syrian, in her native town. The husband came to America several years ago and built up a thriving business in Wilkes-Barre. He returned to his home last fall with \$2,400 and the wish to take unto himself a wife of his own people. He met the black-eyed beauty and married her.

When the Titanic went down, said Mrs. Alexander, it carried with it her husband, all his money, her dowry of \$100 and a quantity of her jewelry. How she had managed to be saved she could not tell. Of the twenty-nine Syrians put aboard the Carpathia twenty were women, five were children and four were men. This left a total of 123 Syrians who perished, many of them women and children.

HOUSE OF COMMONS ASKS PROTECTION FOR BRITISH AT INQUIRY.

LONDON, April 24.—Renewed interest in the Senate's inquiry into the loss of the Titanic and in the status of the Senatorial court was evoked by several members of the House of Commons to-day and many questions were asked of Francis Dyke Acland, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Acland replied on behalf of the Foreign Office: "I am not aware of the precise grounds on which the United States Senate inquiry is being held, but I understand the object is to determine the responsibility for the wreck. As far as I am aware there has never been previously a foreign inquiry into the loss of a British vessel on the high seas."

Roland Munro-Ferguson, a Scottish member, expressed fears lest witnesses necessary to the British inquiry into the Titanic disaster might be detained, but Mr. Acland dismissed, saying: "I feel sure that we can trust to the usual good sense of the American Senate and the American people not to desire to detain persons whose attendance might be required at a court of inquiry in this country."

Arthur Lee, member for Hampshire, suggested that instructions should be sent to the British Ambassador at Washington to protect British subjects summoned by the Senate Committee "who apparently have no one to defend their rights at present."

Mr. Acland did not doubt that if protection were desired by the British witnesses instructions would be sent, but he hoped that the case may not arise.

FRANKFURT'S CAPTAIN SAYS HE RUSHED TO TRY TO AID TITANIC

BRUNNENHAGEN, Germany, April 24.—Another and "too late" was spoken to-day when the liner Frankfurt reached here with a story of a vain race toward the sinking Titanic.

Capt. Hattorf of the Frankfurt denied that he had failed to make an attempt to aid the sinking vessel. He said the Frankfurt was 140 miles from the Titanic when he received the wireless call for help.

"We started immediately for the scene," he said, "and arrived there about 10 o'clock Monday morning. We saw the iceberg with which the Titanic collided, a huge bulk, about 100 feet above the water and about 1,000 feet long. We photographed the iceberg, and after cruising about, searching vainly for survivors for several hours, we resumed our course."

TITANIC'S FATE HIDDEN ON SISTER SHIP CANOPIC.

BOSTON, April 24.—Passengers on the White Star steamship Canopic, which arrived to-day from Mediterranean ports, were greatly disturbed by news of the Titanic disaster. Word of the catastrophe was received by the Canopic on the day the giant liner sank, but it was kept from the passengers until the Canopic reached Ponta del Gaia, Azores, the next day.

Capt. Metcalf, upon learning of the disaster, took a southern course and avoided the iceberg. The Canopic's course took her so far south that no bodies or wreckage were sighted.

HICHENS GETS QUICK SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Robert Hichens, quartermaster of the Titanic, who is considered an important witness by the investigating committee, was served with a subpoena on board the steamer Celtic in New York this morning. He arrived here this afternoon to testify before the committee. Hichens intended to sail on the Celtic to-morrow and Senator Smith sent a special deputy over to escort him to the hearing.

KAISER WILHELM TAKES LONG ROUTE TO ESCAPE ICE

No Kicks From Passengers, Who Are Cured of All Desire for Speed.

The steamship Kaiser Wilhelm II., which arrived at the dock in Hoboken to-day, consumed six days, twelve hours and forty-five minutes to make the passage of 1,200 miles, averaging 21 knots during the voyage.

The ship avoided the northern route, having taken warning from the Titanic's fate. Because of her southern swing considerably more time was taken for crossing. Capt. Cuppers reported that no ice was seen.

Officers of the ship said the passengers were perfectly contented to travel by the longer route and evinced no impatience at the length of time taken to make the passage. Heretofore there has always been a demand on the part of passengers to make record time. The Titanic disaster, the officers say, has cured the desire for speed.

DIPLOMATIC PRECEDENT SMASHING SAVED BACON FROM BOARDING TITANIC.

PARIS, April 24.—The shattering of a diplomatic precedent saved Robert Bacon, retiring American Ambassador to France, his wife and daughter, from sailing on the Titanic, and perhaps saved their lives. Parmelee Herrick, son of the new Ambassador, Myron T. Herrick of Ohio, was responsible for the change in plans. Bacon had booked passage for himself, wife and daughter on the Titanic and had actually sent part of their baggage aboard the ill-fated liner.

Parmelee Herrick and his wife visited the Embassy and agreed with Ambassador Bacon on the eve of their departure. "I wish I could greet my friend, Herrick, before I go," said Bacon.

"My father wishes the same," said Parmelee Herrick. "Why not stay and see him?"

"It would make too much trouble unless your father is coming here direct," said Bacon. "You know this house now belongs to the United States."

"If that is all the excuse you have, Mr. Herrick will never pardon you for leaving."

"But precedent necessitates my vacating the house at the arrival of my successor, and in diplomacy precedent is all powerful."

But Parmelee Herrick insisted that precedent should not be permitted to stand in the way. Bacon finally agreed to smash the precedent. As a result he cancelled his booking on the Titanic, had his baggage removed, remained to exchange greetings with Ambassador Herrick, and is now en route to America on the new French liner La France.

NOW TANGUAY DOES CARE! LOST \$9,100 DIAMONDS.

ST. TANGUAY reported to-day (without the aid of a press agent) that she had lost \$9,100 worth of diamond jewelry last night between her home at No. 54 Morningside Park West and Fifth Avenue Theatre.

She did not discover her loss until she was about to go on with her act, wherefore she was greatly distressed throughout her act—much more so than ever before.

Miss Tanguay had driven to the theatre in a taxicab of the New York Taxicab Company, which went to her home from the garage at No. 22 West One Hundred and Eighth street. She dismissed the cab at the theatre and carried from it her little dog Stokes.

In picking up the dog, she thought she had lost the diamonds. She thought she had lost the diamonds. She thought she had lost the diamonds.

The theft was reported in the theatre, to the police of the West One Hundred and Eighth street and to the taxicab company. Furthermore, Miss Tanguay has offered a reward of \$1,000 for trace of the jewels. Detectives have been working on the case since midnight, but no trace of the diamonds has been obtained.

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TWO SHIPS NEAR BY DID NOT KNOW OF TITANIC'S PERIL

Californian and Lena, Almost Within Hailing Distance, Got Word Too Late.

Two ships were so near the Titanic when the mammoth White Star liner received her death wound that every one of the 1,635 passengers who lost their lives might have been saved—if the officers of the ships had but known.

The steamer was the Leyland liner Californian, which has just arrived in Boston. She was within twenty miles when the Titanic foundered. Capt. Lord, her commander, vigorously denied to-day that his ship was the steamer reported to have passed within five miles of the perishing hundreds and to have ignored the signals of distress.

"I figure that we were from seventeen to nineteen miles from the Titanic," said Capt. Lord. "We consumed an immense ice field about 10.00 o'clock that Sunday night, and immediately shut down our engines to wait for daylight, as a matter of safety."

"When the engines stopped, the wireless of course ceased working, so we did not hear of the Titanic's fate until the next morning, when we got it in a message from the Virginia. We then started immediately for the scene of the disaster."

When Capt. Lord was told of statements credited to members of his crew that the Californian was within sight of the Titanic and failed to respond to her calls for assistance, he said: "Sailors will tell most anything when they are ashore."

The other ship that might have saved the Titanic victims was the freight steamer Lena, which was within thirty miles of the ship when she foundered. The Lena has just arrived in Portland, Me., from Fowey, England, and is not equipped with wireless. Hence Chief Officer Elias said they knew nothing about the Titanic wreck until they picked up a pilot off Portland.

It is expected that as other ships reach port it will be discovered these vessels were not the only ones in the vicinity of the tragedy. The Lena reports that three ships passed her on April 14, the day of the disaster.

The first was the tramp steamer Kelvindale, Liverpool, for Loughbur, N. S., which passed the Lena at 4 P. M. At 5 P. M. a passenger steamer, which appeared to have four masts, passed the Lena, and later in the evening a ship, apparently a freighter, passed, but was not identified.

The officers and agents of the Scandinavian-American steamer Hellig Olav, which arrived last week from Norway, say the Olav was 400 miles from the Titanic on the night of the wreck and it would have taken her twenty-six hours to retrace her course and reach the spot.

SEAMEN REBEL AT LUXURY.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Fattened with their first enjoyment of a first class hotel, the members of the Titanic's crew held here as witnesses before the Senate investigating committee to-day rebelled and demanded more humble lodgings. They were removed to a second-rate hotel with separate room for each. They had been "doubled up" at their first hostelry and disliked sleeping "twins."

The seamen also asked for the hotel change to escape attention of crowds who thronged the hotel and pined them with questions.

CITY WILL PURCHASE PIERS.

The Sinking Fund Commission to-day authorized the purchase by the city of piers No. 27 and 28 on the Manhattan side of the East River, below the Brooklyn Bridge. These are the only two piers below the bridge not already owned by the city, and their acquisition was decided upon as necessary to future development.

The estimated cost of the piers, which will be condemned to permit taking title, is half a million dollars. They will be used for steamship berths and rented at a rate which will give a substantial return.

LOUIS AND LUMP ARE IDENTIFIED BEYOND DOUBT

Private Marks Given by Mrs. Navratil Prove Titanic Waifs Hers.

There is no longer any doubt as to the identity of the two little French waifs, "Louis" and "Lump," saved from the wreck of the Titanic, after their father had thrown them into lifeboat, and now in care of another survivor, Miss Margaret Hays, daughter of Frank K. Hays of No. 20 West Eighty-third street. They are unquestionably Michel and Edmond Navratil, the children of Mrs. Navratil, a South American, living at Nice, France, whose husband sold his tailoring business there for \$10,000 and disappeared with the babies on Easter Sunday.

The World correspondent at Nice saw Mrs. Navratil yesterday and got from her a description of her boys, together with some special identification marks which he carried yesterday.

The bereaved mother said her husband was an Austrian, and was extremely jealous of her. He left her suddenly amid the Easter festivities and some days later she received a letter from him telling her she would never see her babies again. The letter was dated from Austria, but she doubted that Navratil had returned to that country, as he was a deserter from the Austrian army.

The pet name of the elder boy, who is four, is "Louis." The younger, who is two years old, was called "Momon."

Mrs. Navratil has been almost distracted for the last week over her children's loss. She says she has been dreaming of them and of funerals when she has been able to catch any sleep, and for several days past has had an obsession that she ought to be wearing mourning. The vision of herself in that black dress has continually haunted her, she says.

ALL DOUBT AS TO IDENTITY CLEARED UP.

Miss Utley, the English trained nurse engaged by Mr. Hays to look out for his daughter's protégés, carefully compared the distinguishing marks carried privately to The World with her professional knowledge of the boys' physical characteristics. She declared that it was absolutely impossible there should remain any doubt that they were Michel and Edmond Navratil. Miss Margaret, however, would say nothing. Her father said the identification was complete.

But Miss Hays began questioning the two little boys in their native French. The elder, who has answered to the name of "Louis," looked with large, inscrutable and very affectionate eyes at his little guardian as she took him on

her knee. But it was hard to draw the child's attention away from the little red toy boat, with white smokestack and deck, which since yesterday has been his most cherished possession.

Then Miss Hays asked: "Do you know Nice, Louis—Nice?" "Oul, Nice! C'est la ou est mama!" prattled "Louis" in quick, lisp-like French. "Yes, Nice. That's where mama is."

HAVE HAD BEST OF CARE IN HAYS HOME.

Nothing is allowed by Miss Hays and Miss Utley to disturb the happy, care-free and regular lives of the children. They usually wake with the dawn, like the healthy, normal little human beings they are, and Miss Utley very carefully superintends the preparation of their meals.

After a happy morning of play with Miss Hays and one or two of her girl friends the children have their luncheon and are dressed for the afternoon outing. Promptly at 6 every evening they are put to bed. Yesterday afternoon they went downtown to the shopping district with Miss Hays and Miss Utley to buy some more of the little children's luxuries Miss Hays showers upon them.

Then they came back and drove through Central Park. But they were curiously decorous and self-contained. They chat and point out objects with a composure and restraint rarely seen in American children, but not unusual with little Latins.

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GERMANY MOVES FOR SEA SAFETY AGREEMENT

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Germany has taken the lead in a movement to secure greater safety to passengers on the high seas by international agreement. Count Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, to-day informed the State Department that the safety of passengers on transatlantic liners always has been a subject of deep concern to the German Government. The Imperial Government, he said, believed that the time was now ripe for an agreement between all maritime nations. Germany stands ready to enter into negotiations to that end.

BERLIN, April 24.—A conference of government officials and representatives of the shipping companies and maritime societies, in order to study the problem of insuring the safety of passengers on transatlantic liners, was opened this afternoon at the Ministry of the Interior. The most important points on the programme of the conference are an increase in the number of lifeboats and regulations concerning wireless telegraphy and watertight compartments.

Worldly Volume Wanted. (From the Boston Transcript.) "I want a nice book for an invalid." "Something religious, madam?" "Er—no—he's convalescent."

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AGED BELLEVUE DOCTOR SAYS HE IS GOING MAD.

Dr. Reegan, at Phoenix, Ariz., Has Himself Committed to State Insane Asylum.

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 24.—Dr. Daniel J. Reegan, said to have been at one time consulting physician at Bellevue Hospital, New York, and for years one of the best known